

Robert Butler to William Charles Cole Claiborne, December 31, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

COLONEL ROBERT BUTLER TO GOVERNOR CLAIBORNE.¹

1 Dec. 29, 1814, a similar order was sent to the mayor of New Orleans, N. Girod. In this connection the following letter of Jan. 3, 1815, from L. Bebuys, "Captain commanding veterans", to Governor Claiborne, is of particular interest: " *Sir* On the receipt of your note at this day, I convened the officers commanding the corps of Exempts, the result of their deliberation, is, that the veterans are of opinion that they cannot dispense with the arms now in their hands, but considering that the requisition of the General commanding must be complied with, they will loan to the General 250 or 300 stands, which will be at his disposal to morrow at 12 o'clock."

New Orleans, December 31, 1814.

Sir: the Major General desires that you carry into effect a previous order requiring a search for arms throughout the city, also the enrollment of all men under and over such an age therein expressed without a moments delay. You will please communicate to the Majr. General on the subject.

By command respectfully Robert Butler Adj. General